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Ambassador Richard Murphy
American Embassy
Damascus, Syria

Dear Dick:

Just a short note to thank you and Ann again for your most generous hospitality and the opportunity to accompany you to Aleppo. My substantive talks with you and your embassy staff were also of considerable value. There is really nothing like seeing a country and talking with people working and living there to increase one's understanding.

I have been giving some thought to your problem of keeping abreast of current intelligence. It strikes me that finished analytical reporting on all aspects of the Middle East may be more helpful than just more raw reporting on Syria. As a starter, therefore, I am enclosing two recent Intelligence Community studies that you should find informative. Hopefully we will also be able to provide you soon with more current reporting.

Sincerely,

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